

name. It should not be forgotten indeed, too, that the argument of the missing right of succession, which was to be concealed or glossed over by taking another name, put forward again and again, so by Calmeyer, *loc. cit.*, with regard to Darius II, but long ago by Hüsing 1897, p. 18 with regard to Artaxerxes I, is valid at last for Darius I, too: For even after the elder line of the Achaemenids had become extinct, it was not yet that young man's turn as long as his father Hystaspes and his grandfather Arsames were alive, – as they were according to his own words⁴⁵. The difference between Darius I and Darius II lies only in that the latter was missing the hereditary title to the throne because of illegitimate birth, whilst for the former the case of succession had not yet been existent at all. It may be conceded after all that there is no definite proof for the opinion supported here. But such proof is scarcely to be expected, since contrary to the later kings, who in any case were known as princes before their accession, Darius I played so little a part before his accession that his birth-name was not known all over the empire.

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